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SUBJECT: STATUS OF U.S. RESIDUAL PRESENCE

1. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH SUTI NOPAKUN, THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO MEET ALONE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION REGARDING OUR RESIDUAL MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND. NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING WITH THE MFA BUT IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR SHOULD MEET IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO TALK IT OVER.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE WERE TEMPTED TO GO INTO THE PROBLEMS CAUSED FOR US BY THE NOTE WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN GIVEN US BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI, WE DEEMED IT WISE TO KEEP OUR POWDER DRY ON THIS ONE UNTIL WE HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. WE ALSO WISHED TO AVOID CREATING THE IMPRESSION IN THAI CIRCLES THAT WE WERE IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT MFA WITHOUT EVEN HAVEING TRANSMITTED ITS NOT TO THE DEPARTMENT. UNDER
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THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PREPARING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR

A FUTURE MEETING SEEMED TO BE THE MOST DESIRABLE
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